

# Paris & Dijon 2014

For current KHS French students



## Your leaders

- Madame Kalfus: KHS  
French teacher since 1996;  
This will be her 11th  
group trip to France



- Monsieur Strecker: KSD  
Educational Facilitator;  
This will be his 5th group  
trip to France



## This trip is for . . .

KHS French students who want to improve their language skills, make new friends, see the places we talk about in class, build their self-confidence, understand themselves better and gain perspective on what it means to be “American”.



# Itinerary Day 1

**Friday, March 14**

St. Louis - Paris

Depart St. Louis on your  
overnight flight to Paris.



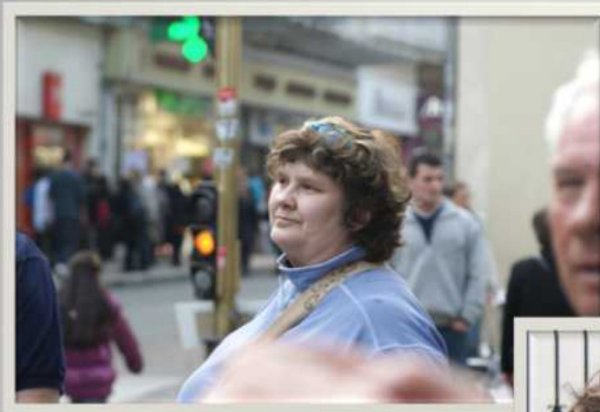
## **Saturday, March 15 Paris to Dijon**

Arrive at Charles de Gaulle airport in Paris, where a TSA Tours representative will greet you and assist you with your transfer to the train station. Board your train to Dijon. Arrive in the capital of Burgundy where you will meet our French friends, have lunch and shop. Discover the half-timbered houses along cobblestoned streets in the old town and perhaps get a glimpse of Dijon's premier museum, the Musée des Beaux-Arts.





## Meet Madame Convers



Isa Convers teaches French at our partner school. You can meet her in the first week of school when makes her first trip to St. Louis!



## Sunday, March 16 Dijon

This morning, your group can choose from several sightseeing options, such as a visit to the Musée de la Moutarde or the cathedral of Notre Dame. In the early afternoon, meet the students of Lycée Jean-Marc Boivin and continue exploring Dijon together. Highlights of the 800-year-old city include the Darcy Garden, the covered marketplace and the Dukes' Palace, which dates back to 1365.

## Itinerary: Day 3



Gargoyle, Église de  
Notre Dame

# Dijon



Half-timbered houses in  
the old city of Dijon



Mourner from the tombs of  
the Dukes of Burgundy





We will follow these owl symbols on our walking tour of the city (Parcours de la chouette).



La Porte Guillaume

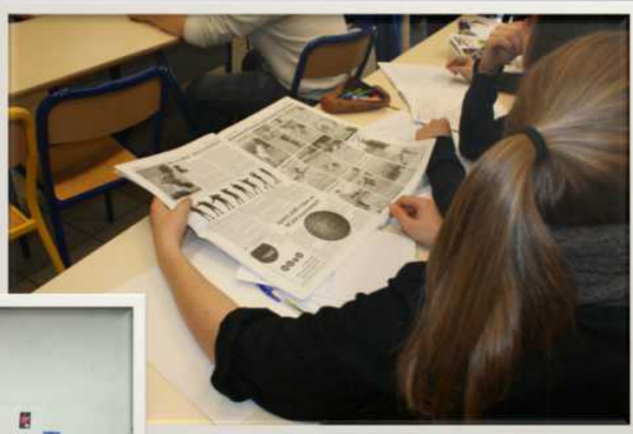
Monday, March 17 Dijon  
Experience a day of school  
with your French friends.  
Work on your  
conversational skills and  
benefit from total  
immersion in the language  
Accompany your French  
friends home to enjoy  
dinner with their families  
this evening. Expand your  
perspective as you  
experience a new culture  
and way of life! Return to  
the  
hotel for the night.

## Itinerary: Day 4



# Lycée Jean-Marc Boivin

Madame Convers' classroom



French students  
reading "The  
Kirkwood Call"

Kirkwoodians and  
Boivinsians compare  
student life







## Dinner at our pen pals' homes



## Dîner chez les "Frenchies"





## Tuesday, March 18 Dijon – Paris

This morning, bid farewell to Dijon and board your private motor coach bound for Paris, the City of Lights. Stop en route to visit the spectacular Château de Versailles. The palace began as a hunting lodge for King Louis XIII and was significantly expanded by Louis XIV, the Sun King. See the magnificent Hall of Mirrors, where the Treaty of Versailles was signed, ending WWI. Also tour the expansive gardens, which include 200,000 trees, 50 fountains and a 1,500-meter Grand Canal. Continue on to Paris, where you'll check in to your hotel and dine with your group.

## Itinerary: Day 5





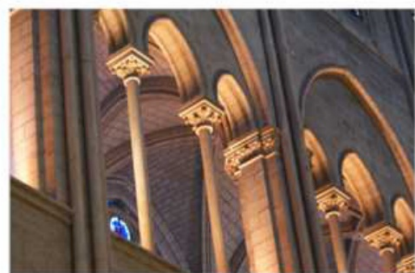
### Wednesday, March 19 Paris

On today's Paris city tour, you will see many famous sights such as the Trocadero, Les Invalides, Palais du Luxembourg, the Opera, the Pantheon and the historic Latin Quarter. Continue to the Ile de la Cité to see the Conciergerie and the Palais de Justice, and visit the Gothic masterpiece, Notre Dame. Then, on to the Jardin des Tuileries and the stunning Place de la Concorde with its 3,300-year-old Obélisque from Luxor. After your tour concludes, you will climb to the top of the magnificent Arc de Triomphe to look over the busy Champs-Élysées. Savor your dinner on the Champs-Élysées and share your favorite memories with your group. Afterwards, embark on a bateaux mouches Seine River cruise and sail past the illuminated monuments of Paris.

## Itinerary: Day 6



Notre Dame Cathedral





Thursday, March 20 Paris

Today you'll tour the Musée du Louvre. Originally constructed in 1200 as a fortress, the Louvre later served as the royal palace for monarchs such as Louis XIII, and was a favorite haunt of Alexandre Dumas' Musketeers. Today it is the largest museum on Earth. From I.M. Pei's modern pyramids to ancient Egyptian sarcophagi, the sheer magnitude of the Louvre is astounding. Highlights of the vast collection include Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa, the Winged Victory of Samothrace, and the Venus de Milo. Navigate the 35,000 works of art with the aid of headset narration. Spend the balance of the day sightseeing - you may stroll through charming neighborhoods and markets, shop for souvenirs and explore the city's grand avenues. This evening, delight in a tasty dinner and experience the bohemian atmosphere of Montmartre, a hilltop district that has attracted famous artists for centuries.

## Itinerary: Day 7



The Louvre



### **Friday, March 21 Paris**

Take advantage of a full day to sightsee with your tour director in Paris. Destinations include Champs de Mars, the Opera, the Grand Palais, Les Catacombes, Centre Pompidou and a reservation to visit the grand Musée d'Orsay. Enjoy dinner with your group before ascending to the third and highest level of the iconic Eiffel Tower to take in panoramic views of this beautiful city.

## **Itinerary: Day 8**



## Itinerary: Day 9

**Saturday, March 22 Paris -  
St. Louis**

Transfer to the airport for  
your return flight to the  
U.S. with many new  
memories of your  
adventures in Paris!



## TSA Tours

- **FLEXIBILITY.** Our tour the way we'd like and when we'd like.
- **Security:** Inclusive insurance with options for add-ons. 24-emergency number.
- **Experience:** 28 years.
- **References:** Program directors for our GAPP program for several years.
- **No surprises.** Everything paid upfront.
- **Private trip:** Designed by us, for us, only us.



## Flights & Hotels

- Flights blocked out on international and domestic airlines soon after our group enrolls.
- 3-star, centrally located hotels that we choose.





# Security

## **Insurance included in basic price:**

Trip Interruption; Trip Delay; Baggage; Baggage Delay;  
Evacuation / Repatriation; Medical Expenses.

## **Optional Insurance upon enrollment (7% of cost)**

Pre-departure cancellation (medical) & pre-existing  
condition.

## How do I apply?

- Oral interview (10 minutes, Monday, April 22)
- Parent letter
- Student letter
- Teacher recommendations
- Grade-level recommendation

Completed application due Friday, April 26.

Acknowledgement of acceptance: Monday, April 29.

## Enrollment

- After acceptance, first \$400 payment is due to Mme Kalfus or online. \$600 due 30 days after receipt of initial deposit. \$500 due 45 days after that. Final payment due in January.
- You will not be penalized for any late payment except for the final payment, which is due in January 2014.
- You may also arrange to pay monthly.
- Credit cards accepted.

## Common Questions

**How much spending money?** (You need spending money for lunches, souvenirs, and incidentals. We recommend \$30 to \$50 per day.)

**Fundraisers?** (We will do one or two at school. I encourage and support other student- or parent-organized fundraisers.)

**How to pay when in France?** (We will give more details later, but I recommend pre-paid credit cards; ATM cards, and some Euros in cash).

•**Contact while away?** (Madame Kalfus will have cell phone for contact and texting. I will send e-mail updates and can be reached by phone, text and e-mail.)

•**Safety?** (We practice group travel safety, require that students follow certain protocol for safeguarding their money; students may never be alone; and more!)



## Planning Calendar

**Mon., April 22** Oral interviews (10 minutes) after school

**Fri., April 26** Application documents due (see *Applicant Criteria Checklist*)

**Mon., April 29** Notification of acceptance to travel program

**Weds., May 8** Enrollment form & first \$400 payment due to Madame Kalfus .

OR enroll online with a credit card at TSA Tours' online store:

<http://store.tsatours.com/p-248-dijon-paris-2014-with-anna-kalfus.aspx>

## Planning Calendar cont'd

**June** Apply for your passport. If you already have one, it must not expire less than 6 months after the trip.

**June/July/Aug.** Save money for your trip & correspond with Dijon students.

**September** Begin monthly after-school meetings to prepare for trip.

**January 2012** Final payment due.

**late February** Receive finalized airline schedule and hotel names.

**early March** Attend Parent & Student Meeting.

**March 14** Meet at Lambert for departure!

# Questions?

Contact Anna Kalfus

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